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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Newton (D) and Baker (A)
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 04-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING STATE TROOPER MICHAEL GILLIS AS A NOMINEE
4 FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize State Trooper Michael Gillis, as a nominee for the
9 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, the
10 state's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
11 courage in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2009, Trooper Gillis was
13 instrumental in curtailing the single deadliest crime in the
14 recorded history of Alabama; that afternoon, a lone gunman
15 terrorized the citizens of Geneva and Coffee Counties,
16 murdering ten victims and injuring six others, before
17 ultimately taking his own life; and

18 WHEREAS, at great risk to himself, Trooper Gillis
19 participated in the high-speed pursuit of the perpetrator;
20 during the course of this pursuit, Trooper Gillis' vehicle was
21 struck several times by gunfire and he was injured by broken
22 glass, but he maintained pursuit nonetheless; while he and his
23 comrades were unable to prevent the gunman escaping justice by
24 committing suicide, their courageous and selfless actions over

1 the course of the engagement likely saved the lives of several
2 more victims; and

3 WHEREAS, Trooper Gillis is a worthy exemplar of
4 those caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready
5 to provide prompt and professional response and investigative
6 assistance in times of crisis, and he is highly deserving of
7 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of
8 Honor; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
11 State Trooper Michael Gillis as a nominee for the 2010
12 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that
13 he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our
14 admiration and esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 09-MAR-10.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

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Senate

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Adopted

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